



**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 076/US/PCT/US  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
**SHALABY WAHBA SHALABY ET AL.** :

APPLICATION NO.: **09/762,431** :

FILED: **May 22, 2001** :

FOR: **PHOSPHORYLATED POLYMERS AND CONJUGATES THEREOF** :

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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EXAMINER: **WELLS, LAUREN Q.**  
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Final Office Action (Paper No. 15) mailed on August 22, 2003, the period for response having been extended so as to expire on February 23, 2004 pursuant to Applicants' Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently with this Reply, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

The present amendments follow the revised format procedure mandated in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, published June 30, 2003.